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* For state law as to bicycles generally, see W.S., 1977, §§ 31-5-701 to 31-5-706.
 As to the use of bicycles at the municipal airport, see § 18-16 of this Code. For regulations as to motor vehicles and traffic generally, see ch. 17.

Sec. 6-1. Definition.

For the purposes of this chapter, a "bicycle" is defined as any device propelled by human power upon which one or more persons may ride, having one or more wheels, any of which is twenty inches or more in diameter. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-105; Ord. No. 74-6.)

Sec. 6-2. License--Required.*

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or use a bicycle upon any of the streets, alleys or public highways of the city without first obtaining a license therefor from the police department. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1201.)

* For state law authorizing the city to license and regulate bicycles, see W.S., 1977, § 31-5-110.

As to licensing regulations generally, see ch. 15 of this Code.

Sec. 6-3. Same--Issuance; expiration date; privilege conferred.

The police department is hereby authorized and directed to issue, upon written application, bicycle licenses. Such licenses shall be in such a form that they will run for two-year increments and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of the year(s) for which it was issued. Such licenses when issued shall entitle the licensee to operate such bicycle for which the license has been issued upon the streets, alleys and public highways, exclusive of the sidewalks, in the city excepting as hereinafter provided. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1202; Ord. No. 80-11, § 1.)

Sec. 6-4. License plates, registration card and fee.

The city shall issue bicycle license plates, metallic or otherwise, together with registration cards therefor. Such license plates and registration cards are to have numbers stamped thereon in numerical order, beginning with the number one, including the year(s) for which the same is issued, and the letters CODY stamped thereon. Such license plates shall be suitable for and shall be attached upon the frame of bicycles at a place designated by the police department and such license and a corresponding registration card shall be issued to the licensee upon payment of the license fee established and set by the city council. Such license plates shall remain attached during the existence of such license. The police department and office of the city treasurer shall also keep a record of the date of issue, numbers of such license and to whom issued. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1203; Ord. No. 80-11, § 2.)

Sec. 6-5. Transfer of ownership.

It shall be the duty of every person who sells or transfers ownership of any bicycle to report such sale or transfer by returning to the police department the registration card issued to such person as licensee thereof, together with the name and address of the person to whom the bicycle was sold or transferred. Such report shall be made within five days of the date of the sale or transfer. It shall be the duty of the purchaser or transferee of such bicycle to apply for a transfer or registration thereof within five days of such sale or transfer. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1207.)

Sec. 6-6. Bicycle dealers.

All persons engaged in the business of buying secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a report to the police department of the purchase, giving the name, address and person from whom each bicycle was purchased, the frame number thereof, and the number of the license plate found thereon, if any. All persons engaged in the business of selling new or secondhand bicycles are hereby required to make a report to the police department giving a list of all sales made, which list shall include the name and address of each person to whom sold, the kind of bicycle sold, together with a description and the frame number thereof, and the number of the license plate attached thereto, if any. Such reports shall be made within twenty-four hours from the date of the sale. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1206.)

Sec. 6-7. Bicycles for hire.

All persons who rent, hire or loan bicycles shall first obtain license plates to be used on such bicycles by paying therefor the regular fee as required by section 6-4. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1208.)

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Sec. 6-8. Reflectors.

No person shall ride or operate any bicycle upon any street, alley or public place within the corporate limits of the city during the nighttime unless such bicycle is equipped with lamps or reflectors as required by Wyoming Statutes, 1957, section 31-169. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1204.)

Sec. 6-9. Brake and bell.

Every bicycle used in the city shall be equipped with a brake and bell as required by Wyoming Statutes, 1957, section 31-169. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1205.)

Sec. 6-10. Two or more riders.*

No person shall operate or ride on any bicycle upon the streets, alleys or public highways in the city with two or more persons upon the same bicycle, provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to tandem bicycles or other bicycles equipped for two or more riders. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1209.)

* For similar state law, see W.S., 1957, § 31-166.

Sec. 6-11. Riding on sidewalks.

No person shall ride or operate any bicycle on any sidewalk in the city except bicycles used for delivery of papers or merchandise and then only in the residential section of the city when the sidewalk is not being used by pedestrians. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1211.)

Sec. 6-12. Riding on right; riding abreast.*

Every person riding or operating a bicycle on any street, alley or public place in the city shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

It shall be unlawful to travel abreast on bicycles on any street, alley or public place in the city, provided that not more than two operators of two wheeled bicycles may travel abreast in residential areas of the city. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1212; Ord. No. 74-6.)

* For similar state law, see W.S., 1957, § 31-167.

Sec. 6-13. Laws applicable.

Every person riding or operating a bicycle on any street, alley or public place in the city shall be subject to all provisions of chapter 17 and of the laws of the state applicable to the drivers of vehicles, except the provisions thereof that by their very nature can have no application. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-12 13.)

Sec. 6-14. Racing.

It shall be unlawful for any person to run, or engage, or cause to run, or to be engaged in any bicycle race on any street, alley or public place within the corporate limits of the city, except under permit from and supervision of the chief of police. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1214.)

Sec. 6-15. Parking.*

No operator of a bicycle shall leave his bicycle standing in such a manner that shall hinder or impede pedestrians or vehicular traffic upon the sidewalks or paths or upon the streets or alleys within the city, and shall take proper care to see that his bicycle is so placed to avoid annoyance and danger of accident during his absence from it, (1960 Comp. Ords., § 171215.)

* For regulations generally as to stopping, standing and parking, see § 17-43 et seq. of this Code.

Sec. 6-16. Revocation of privilege to operate.

Any person upon being convicted of two or more violations of this chapter shall, in the discretion of the police justice, in addition to other penalties hereinafter provided, be denied the right to operate or ride a bicycle in the city. (1960 Comp, Ords., § 17-1216.)

Sec. 6-17. Penalty.

Any person who shall be found guilty of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished as provided in section § 1-11. In addition to such punishment, the police justice may, either in lieu of or in addition thereof, prohibit the operation upon the streets, alleys and public places of the city for a period not to exceed thirty days, of the bicycle so used in violation of this chapter. In which event the bicycle so used in such violation shall be impounded with the chief of police and retained by him for the period that the operation thereof is prohibited and the owner's card or certificate shall be held for the period during which the operation of the bicycle is prohibited. (1960 Comp. Ords., § 17-1217.)

Sec. 6-18. Skateboards, roller skates and scooters.

(a) No person shall use, ride or operate any skateboard, roller skates or scooter on any sidewalk on Sheridan Avenue between 9th Street and 17th Street, or any street within the city limits.

(b) Skateboards, roller skates and scooters operated and ridden upon the sidewalks, where not prohibited, shall be single-file only. Under all circumstances, the rider shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using the sidewalk, and due and proper care shall at all times be exercised by the rider for pedestrians. When approaching a pedestrian on the sidewalk, the speed of the skateboard, roller skates or scooter shall be reduced to a speed which is no greater than necessary to continue the operation the skateboard, roller skates or scooter without the rider dismounting and such speed shall not be increased until the pedestrian has been passed.

(c) Any person who shall be found guilty of a violation of this section shall be punished as provided in section 1-11 of the Cody City Code. In addition to such punishment, the municipal court justice may, either in lieu of or in addition thereto, prohibit the use, operation or riding of a skateboard, roller skates or scooter for a period not to exceed thirty days, and any such skateboard, roller skates or scooter so used in the violation of this section shall be impounded with the chief of police and retained by him for the period that the use and operation thereof is prohibited. (Ord. No. 89-14, § 1.)

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